

## REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. Claims 21-23 are newly added. Claim 13 has been amended to more clearly show the relation between claim 13 and claims 14 and 15.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 and 372 as set forth in the Office Action, the applicants hereby elect Group III containing claims 13 and 20 with traverse. New claims 21-23 have been added to be examined as a part of Group III.

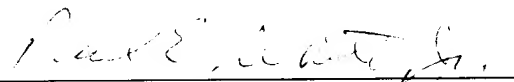
With respect to the traversed restriction requirement, the applicants assert that claims 14 and 15 of Group IV should be considered together with claims 13 and 20 of Group III. This is because the diagnostic aid of claims 14 and 15 is used in the method of claims 13 and 20. Claim 13 has been amended as shown above to more clearly show the relation between claim 13 and claims 14 and 15.

Please consider claims 13-15 and 20-23 in the present application.

Entry of this Amendment and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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